

Welcome our New Staff

Kris Gonzalez serves as the new Public Information Coordinator. Kris has 15 years of experience in journalism and public relations, to include four years of service as a Public Affairs Specialist and photojournalist in the U.S. Army. She earned a BA in Radio/TV/Film from Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ in 1997 and was accredited in Public Affairs and Photojournalism from the Defense Information School, Fort Meade, MD in 2000. She is married to Capt. Jose Gonzalez, who serves at Fort Jackson, and they have a 4-year-old son, JJ. You can reach Kris at (803) 734-1410 or by email at GonzalezK@dnr.sc.gov.

Map Modernization Program

The Map Modernization Staff has been very busy this quarter working with several counties throughout the State. Currently, multiple communities are reaching important milestones in the Map Modernization Process.

The Map Modernization Program will hold a PDCC meeting for **Oconee County** at 10:30 a.m., July 31, at the Oconee County Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC.

Scoping meetings were held in the following counties, officially kicking off the map modernization process in their communities:

**Abbeville
Chester
Dillon
Fairfield
Lancaster
Marlboro
McCormick
Union**

**Allendale
Barnwell
Hampton
Williamsburg**

York County's updated flood insurance studies and floodplain insurance rate maps will become effective Sept. 26, 2008. It is vital communities in York County submit certified copies of adopted floodplain ordinances to the state office prior to Sept. 25, 2008, preferably by **Monday, Sept. 22, 2008** so that the ordinance can be reviewed before being sent to FEMA. Any York County community that doesn't have their ordinances submitted to FEMA by 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 26 will be dropped from the program. Please help us *help you* avoid being SUSPENDED from the National Flood Insurance Program.

May 2008

**Cherokee
Chesterfield
Edgefield
Greenwood
Laurens
Marion
Newberry**

June 2008

**Bamberg
Clarendon
Orangeburg**

Lee County's updated flood insurance studies and floodplain insurance rate maps will become effective Nov. 19, 2008. It is vital communities in Lee County submit certified copies of adopted floodplain ordinances to the state office prior to Nov. 18, 2008, preferably by Wednesday, **Nov. 12, 2008** so that the ordinance can be reviewed before being sent to FEMA. Should any of you like to have our compliance specialist, **Maria Cox**, review your ordinance before presenting it to council, please send it to the following address as soon as possible: **PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.**

How much does Water cost?

Are you having trouble convincing your citizens the importance of Flood Insurance? Allow Floodsmart.gov to assist you. There is a vast amount of information available on this site ranging from how to find an Insurance Agent to calculating the costs of damages per inch of flood water. Check out www.floodsmart.gov.

CRS Class 7 or Better Communities

can look at their CRS discount and retrograde effect on our webpage under Quick Links at: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/flood/>

Questions/Concerns/Future Input

If you have any concerns or would like to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Kris Gonzalez at GonzalezK@dnr.sc.gov.